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STATISTICS OF DEPOSITS AND CASH BALANCES IN JOINT STOCK BANKS; DEPOSITS IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS; AMOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS, INDIA STOCKS, AND GUARANTEED LAND STOCK; AND BANK NOTE CIRCULATION IN IRELAND, JUNE, 1895; WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS OF IRISH RAILWAYS FOR THE FIRST TWENTY-SIX WEEKS OF THE YEARS 1894-95; AND THE AGGREGATE RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF EACH OF THE YEARS 1887-95; ALSO TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED IN THE PORTS OF IRELAND DURING THE YEARS 1884-94.

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SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Report on Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics, Ireland (June, 1895).

I am, Sir,

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HIS EXCELLENCY
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 &c., &c., &c.,
LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the following Tables and remarks relative to Banking and to the amount of the Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock upon which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, together with information concerning the weekly traffic receipts of the Irish Railways during the half year ended 30th June, 1895; and an abstract of the principal railway statistics of Ireland for the first half of each of the nine years 1887-95; also Tables with reference to the tonnage of Vessels entered and cleared at each of the Irish Ports. The Tables on these subjects are in continuation of those previously issued by this Department.

The information comprised in the first series of Tables consists of the total of the deposits and cash balances in the Joint Stock Banks of Ireland on the 30th of June, 1895, and on the corresponding date in each preceding year since the year 1875 inclusive, compiled from confidential returns furnished by the authorities of the various banks

with their usual courtesy ; the estimated balance of deposits remaining in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks on the 30th of June of each year since the year 1875 inclusive, derived from official sources ; together with the total amount on 30th June (in each year since 1875) of Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock,* on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, with the amount of each description of Stock on 30th June, 1895, kindly supplied by the Governor of the Bank ; and the average bank note circulation of the six banks of issue in Ireland in the month of June since 1885, compiled from the *Dublin Gazette*. Tables are also inserted affording half-yearly comparisons for the ten years 1885-94 and the first half of this year under each of the heads referred to above.

The Tables comprising the returns of the weekly traffic receipts of the Irish Railways have been compiled from data for which I am indebted to the authorities of the various Railway Companies.

Returns with reference to the tonnage of Ships entered and cleared at Irish Ports have been kindly furnished by the Board of Customs, and were specially prepared for the purposes of this Report by the Statistical Department of that Board.

1. *Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks.*

The deposits and cash balances in Joint Stock Banks in the middle of the year which, comparing June with June, had gradually increased from £29,223,000 in June, 1886, to £35,430,000 in the corresponding period of 1894 further rose to £37,491,000† in June of the present year, being the highest amount yet reached for June, and showing an increase of £2,061,000, or 5·8 per cent. as

* See note (*) on page 15.

† This amount is exclusive of £1,972,046 Government and other Public Accounts in the Bank of Ireland.

compared with the amount in the middle of last year, and an increase of £8,268,000 or 28·3 per cent. as compared with the amount in June, 1886.

TABLE I.—Showing Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks; compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.*

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1875, 30th June,	31,815,000	1,956,000	—
1876, "	32,815,000	1,000,000	—
1877, "	32,746,000	—	69,000
1878, "	31,745,000	—	1,001,000
1879, "	30,191,000	—	1,554,000
1880, "	29,850,000	—	841,000
1881, "	28,289,000	—	1,061,000
1882, "	30,667,000	2,378,000	—
1883, "	31,725,000	1,058,000	—
1884, "	30,072,000	—	1,653,000
1885, "	29,240,000	—	832,000
1886, "	29,223,000	—	17,000
1887, "	29,332,000	116,000	—
1888, "	30,310,000	971,000	—
1889, "	31,205,000	895,000	—
1890, "	33,061,000	1,856,000	—
1891, "	33,700,000	639,000	—
1892, "	34,565,000	865,000	—
1893, "	34,637,000	72,000	—
1894, "	35,430,000	793,000	—
1895, "	37,491,000	2,061,000	—

* The names and the dates of foundation of the Banks, the combined statistics of which are included in Tables I. and II. (A) are as follows:—

Name.	Estab-lished.	Name.	Estab-lished.
Bank of Ireland, . . .	1783.	National Bank, . . .	1835.
Northern Banking Company, . . .	1824.	Ulster Bank, . . .	1836.
Hibernian Bank, . . .	1825.	Royal Bank of Ireland, . .	1836.
Provincial Bank of Ireland, . . .	1825.	Munster & Leinster Bank, .	1835.
Belfast Banking Company, . .	1827.		

TABLE I. (A), made out by half years shows the fluctuations which have taken place half yearly during the past ten years. It will be observed that the amount of deposits and Cash Balances on 30th June last was £116,000 under that for December, 1894, but that with this exception it was higher than the amount at the close of any half-year in the period covered by the Table, and very much over the average.

TABLE I. (A)—Showing amount of Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks, at the undermentioned dates, compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, 30th June, .	29,240,000	—	1,387,000
„ 31st December,	29,370,000	130,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	29,223,000	—	147,000
„ 31st December,	30,172,000	949,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	29,339,000	—	833,000
„ 31st December,	29,771,000	432,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	30,310,000	539,000	—
„ 31st December,	30,979,000	669,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	31,205,000	226,000	—
„ 31st December,	32,968,000	1,763,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	33,061,000	93,000	—
„ 31st December,	33,325,000	264,000	—
1891, 30th June, .	33,700,000	375,000	—
„ 31st December,	34,532,000	832,000	—
1892, 30th June, .	34,565,000	33,000	—
„ 31st December,	35,375,000	810,000	—
1893, 30th June, .	34,637,000	—	738,000
„ 31st December,	35,852,000	1,215,000	—
1894, 30th June, .	35,430,000	—	422,000
„ 31st December,	37,607,000	2,177,000	—
1895, 30th June, .	37,491,000	—	116,000

2. Savings Banks.

The balances of deposits in Savings Banks consist of two groups—those in the Post Office Savings Banks, which are set out in Table II. and Table II. (A), and those in Trustee Savings Banks, shown in Table III. and Table III. (A).

At the end of June of this year, the estimated amount in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland stood at £5,337,000, as compared with £4,687,000, for the corresponding period of 1894, showing an increase of £650,000, being the largest increase in any year since the establishment of these Institutions.

TABLE II.—Showing Estimated Balances, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1875, 30th June,	951,000	76,000	—
1876, "	1,068,000	115,000	—
1877, "	1,241,000	145,000	—
1878, "	1,296,000	85,000	—
1879, "	1,374,000	78,000	—
1880, "	1,481,000	107,000	—
1881, "	1,645,000	164,000	—
1882, "	1,832,000	187,000	—
1883, "	2,002,000	170,000	—
1884, "	2,150,000	148,000	—
1885, "	2,325,000	175,000	—
1886, "	2,592,000	267,000	—
1887, "	2,802,000	210,000	—
1888, "	3,128,000	326,000	—
1889, "	3,372,000	244,000	—
1890, "	3,585,000	213,000	—
1891, "	3,878,000	293,000	—
1892, "	4,069,000	191,000	—
1893, "	4,155,000	86,000	—
1894, "	4,687,000	532,000	—
1895, "	5,337,000	650,000	—

Table II. (A) shows by half years, for the past ten years, the estimated balances in the Post Office Savings Banks. It will be observed that the estimated balance (£5,337,000) on the 30th June last shows an increase of £360,000 as compared with the estimated amount (£4,977,000) at the close of the year 1894, being

£16,000 in excess of the large increase in the first half of the year 1894.

TABLE II. (A)—Showing Estimated Balance, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, 30th June, . . .	2,325,000	101,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	2,438,000	113,000	—
1886, 30th June, . . .	2,592,000	154,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	2,703,000	111,000	—
1887, 30th June, . . .	2,802,000	99,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	2,932,000	130,000	—
1888, 30th June, . . .	3,128,000	196,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	3,239,000	111,000	—
1889, 30th June, . . .	3,372,000	133,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	3,462,000	90,000	—
1890, 30th June, . . .	3,585,000	123,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	3,723,000	138,000	—
1891, 30th June, . . .	3,878,000	155,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	3,966,000	88,000	—
1892, 30th June, . . .	4,069,000	103,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	4,204,000	135,000	—
1893, 30th June, . . .	4,155,000	—	49,000
„ 31st December, . . .	4,343,000	188,000	—
1894, 30th June, . . .	4,687,000	344,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	4,977,000	290,000	—
1895, 30th June, . . .	5,337,000	360,000	—

Table III. shows the amount of deposits on the 30th June, 1875–95, in Trustee Savings Banks, from which it appears that an increase of £94,000 has taken place in June, 1895, as compared with the corresponding period of 1894. This increase and the increase in June, 1894, as compared with June, 1893, all but counterbalance the

decreases noted in the three years, 1891, 1892, and 1893, and bring the amount in these Banks up to £2,034,000, or within £1,000 of the balance for June, 1890.

TABLE III.—Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates ; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1875, 30th June,	2,005,000	29,000	—
1876, „	2,108,000	103,000	—
1877, „	2,225,000	117,000	—
1878, „	2,208,000	—	17,000
1879, „	2,116,000	—	92,000
1880, „	2,063,000	—	53,000
1881, „	1,980,000	—	83,000
1882, „	2,038,000	58,000	—
1883, „	2,064,000	26,000	—
1884, „	2,072,000	8,000	—
1885, „	2,022,000	—	50,000
1886, „	1,994,000	—	28,000
1887, „	2,030,000	36,000	—
1888, „	2,012,000	—	18,000
1889, „	2,028,000	16,000	—
1890, „	2,035,000	7,000	—
1891, „	1,972,000	—	63,000
1892, „	1,958,000	—	14,000
1893, „	1,856,000	—	102,000
1894, „	1,940,000	84,000	—
1895, „	2,034,000	94,000	—

Table III. (A) gives information by half-years for the Trustee Savings Banks, and shows that there was an increase of £52,000 in June, 1895, as compared with December, 1894, the balance for which period was £42,000 over that for June, 1894.

TABLE III. (A)—Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, 30th June, .	2,022,000	—	75,000
„ 31st December,	1,981,000	—	41,000
1886, 30th June, .	1,994,000	13,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,007,000	13,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	2,030,000	23,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,043,000	13,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	2,012,000	—	31,000
„ 31st December,	2,029,000	17,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	2,028,000	—	1,000
„ 31st December,	2,042,000	14,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	2,035,000	—	7,000
„ 31st December,	1,973,000	—	62,000
1891, 30th June, .	1,972,000	—	1,000
„ 31st December,	1,966,000	—	6,000
1892, 30th June, .	1,958,000	—	8,000
„ 31st December,	1,967,000	9,000	—
1893, 30th June, .	1,856,000	—	111,000
„ 31st December,	1,876,000	20,000	—
1894, 30th June, .	1,940,000	64,000	—
„ 31st December,	1,982,000	42,000	—
1895, 30th June, .	2,034,000	52,000	—

In order to show in a combined form the progress of the accumulation of small savings in Banks in Ireland, Tables IV. and IV. (A) have been constructed. Table IV. shows that the balance in the Savings Banks in Ireland in June last amounted to £7,371,000, or £744,000 in excess

of the balance in June, 1894, and that this increase is £128,000 higher than that for the year ended 30th June, 1894, which was equal to double the highest annual increase in any of the twenty years preceding.

TABLE IV.—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. and III.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1875, 30th June,	2,956,000	105,000	—
1876, "	3,174,000	218,000	—
1877, "	3,436,000	262,000	—
1878, "	3,504,000	68,000	—
1879, "	3,490,000	—	14,000
1880, "	3,544,000	54,000	—
1881, "	3,625,000	81,000	—
1882, "	3,870,000	245,000	—
1883, "	4,066,000	196,000	—
1884, "	4,222,000	156,000	—
1885, "	4,347,000	125,000	—
1886, "	4,586,000	239,000	—
1887, "	4,832,000	246,000	—
1888, "	5,140,000	308,000	—
1889, "	5,400,000	260,000	—
1890, "	5,620,000	220,000	—
1891, "	5,850,000	230,000	—
1892, "	6,027,000	177,000	—
1893, "	6,011,000	—	16,000
1894, "	6,627,000	616,000	—
1895, "	7,371,000	744,000	—

Table IV. (A) shows the amount of small savings, by half years, for the past ten years. It will be observed that in the six months ended the 30th June last there was an increase of £412,000 as compared with the amount in Savings Banks at the close of the year 1894, and that this increase followed an increase of £332,000 during the half-year ended the 31st December last.

[TABLE IV. (A.)

TABLE IV. (A)—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. (A) and III. (A).

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, 30th June, .	4,347,000	26,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,419,000	72,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	4,586,000	167,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,710,000	124,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	4,832,000	122,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,975,000	143,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	5,140,000	165,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,268,000	128,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	5,400,000	132,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,504,000	104,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	5,620,000	116,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,696,000	76,000	—
1891, 30th June, .	5,850,000	154,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,932,000	82,000	—
1892, 30th June, .	6,027,000	95,000	—
„ 31st December,	6,171,000	144,000	—
1893, 30th June, .	6,011,000	—	160,000
„ 31st December,	6,219,000	208,000	—
1894, 30th June, .	6,627,000	408,000	—
„ 31st December,	6,959,000	332,000	—
1895, 30th June, .	7,371,000	412,000	—

3. *Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock.**

From Table V. it is seen that the amount of Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland was, in June, 1895, £25,824,000, compared with £25,375,000 in June, 1894, being an increase of £449,000, following an increase of £92,000 at that date as compared with the amount in June, 1893. The year 1894 was the first year since 1887 in which there was an increase under this heading in June as compared with the amount for June in the preceding year.

TABLE V.—Showing the Amount of the Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock* held in Ireland at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1875, 30th June,	88,640,000	—	1,099,000
1876, „	83,424,000	—	216,000
1877, „	82,613,000	—	811,000
1878, „	81,809,000	—	804,000
1879, „	88,037,000	1,228,000	—
1880, „	83,118,000	76,000	—
1881, „	32,430,000	—	674,000
1882, „	31,772,000	—	867,000
1883, „	31,582,000	—	240,000
1884, „	80,859,000	—	678,000
1885, „	30,900,000	41,000	—
1886, „	30,484,000	—	416,000
1887, „	30,779,000	295,000	—
1888, „	28,856,000	—	1,923,000
1889, „	28,219,000†	—	637,000†
1890, „	27,517,000‡	—	702,000‡
1891, „	26,600,000	—	906,000
1892, „	28,042,000	—	567,000
1893, „	25,288,000	—	759,000
1894, „	25,375,000	87,000	—
1895, „	25,824,000	449,000	—

The amount of each of the several descriptions of

* Guaranteed Land Stock was created in 1892.

† See note (*) on page 16.

‡ See note (†) on page 16.

Stock included in the total amount given above for June, 1895, is shown, in round numbers, in the following statement:—

2½ per cent. Consols (1908),	£18,497,000
2½ „ „ Stock (1905),	425,000
2½ „ „ „ (1905),	82,000
Local Loans, 3 per cent.,	1,116,000
India 3½ per cent. Stock,	2,613,000
„ 3 „ „ „ „	1,274,000
Guaranteed Land Stock, .	1,817,000
	<u>£25,824,000</u>

TABLE V. (A).—Showing the Amounts of Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock held in Ireland at the under-mentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, 30th June . . .	30,900,000	263,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	29,689,000	—	1,211,000
1886, 30th June, . . .	30,484,000	795,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	30,080,000	—	404,000
1887, 30th June, . . .	30,779,000	699,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	29,839,000	—	940,000
1888, 30th June, . . .	28,856,000	—	983,000
„ 31st December, . . .	28,669,000*	—	187,000*
1889, 30th June, . . .	28,319,000	—	450,000
„ 31st December, . . .	27,898,000†	—	821,000†
1890, 30th June, . . .	27,517,000	—	381,000
„ 31st December, . . .	26,610,000	—	907,000
1891, 30th June . . .	26,609,000	—	1,000
„ 31st December, . . .	25,784,000	—	825,000
1892, 30th June, . . .	25,042,000	258,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	25,198,000	—	844,000
1893, 30th June, . . .	25,283,000	85,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	24,509,000	—	774,000
1894, 30th June, . . .	25,375,000	866,000	—
„ 31st December, . . .	26,000,000	625,000	—
1895, 30th June, . . .	25,824,000	—	176,000

Table V. (A), made up by half-years, shows that there has been a decrease of £176,000 in June, 1895, as compared with the close of the year 1894, following an increase of £625,000 in the six months July–December, 1894.

* India 4 per cent. Stock ceased to bear interest on the 6th October, 1888, and was paid off.

† Reduced 3 per cent. Stock and 2 per cent. Consols ceased to bear interest on the 5th July, 1889.

4. *Bank Note Circulation.*

Dealing with the Bank Note circulation in a manner similar to that adopted with regard to the question of deposits and cash balances, it will be seen by Table VI. that there has been an increase of £241,000 in the circulation as compared with the year 1894, the value having risen from £6,007,000 in June, 1894, to £6,248,000 in the corresponding period of 1895. The amount for June, 1894, was £81,000 under that for June, 1893.

TABLE VI.—Showing the average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland in June of the years 1885–95; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.*

PERIODS.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, June, .	5,710,000	—	530,000
1886, " .	5,726,000	16,000	—
1887, " .	5,681,000	—	45,000
1888, " .	5,758,000	77,000	—
1889, " .	6,515,000	757,000	—
1890, " .	6,634,000	119,000	—
1891, " .	6,165,000	—	469,000
1892, " .	5,965,000	—	200,000
1893, " .	6,088,000	123,000	—
1894, " .	6,007,000	—	81,000
1895, " .	6,248,000	241,000	—

The following Statement shows, by half years, the amount of Bank Note circulation in Ireland. It will be observed that in each year of the period covered by the Table, the amount for June has been under that for the preceding December. The amount for June, this year, is above that for June in any of the last four years, but is £253,000 under the amount for December, 1894.

* There are Six Banks in Ireland authorized to issue Notes, the statistics of which are included in this table. The total authorized issue of Notes for these Banks is £6,354,494.

TABLE VI. (A).—Showing the Average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.*

PERIODS.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1885, June, .	5,710,000	—	1,038,000
" December, .	6,484,000	774,000	—
1886, June, .	5,726,000	—	758,000
" December, .	6,359,000	633,000	—
1887, June, .	5,681,000	—	678,000
" December, .	5,964,000	283,000	—
1888, June, .	5,758,000	—	206,000
" December, .	6,709,000	951,000	—
1889, June, .	6,515,000	—	194,000
" December, .	7,090,000	575,000	—
1890, June, .	6,634,000	—	456,000
" December, .	7,098,000	464,000	—
1891, June, .	6,165,000	—	933,000
" December, .	6,643,000	478,000	—
1892, June, .	5,965,000	—	678,000
" December, .	6,287,000	322,000	—
1893, June, .	6,088,000	—	199,000
" December, .	6,536,000	448,000	—
1894, June, .	6,007,000	—	529,000
" December, .	6,501,000	494,000	—
1895, June, .	6,248,000	—	253,000

* See note, p. 17.

The results of the analysis of the foregoing tables are:—

- 1st. That in June, 1895, as compared with the corresponding period in 1894, there was an increase of £2,061,000, or 5·8 per cent., in the Deposits and Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks.
- 2nd. That there was a decrease of £116,000 in Deposits and Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks in June, 1895, as compared with December, 1894, at which date the amount was the highest yet recorded.
- 3rd. That there was an increase of £744,000 in the Deposits in Savings Banks in Ireland in

June, 1895, as compared with June, 1894, and that this increase follows the large increase of £616,000 during the year ending with the latter date.

- 4th. That there was an increase of £412,000 in the Deposits in Savings Banks in June, 1895, as compared with December, 1894.
- 5th. That in June, 1895, as compared with the same period of 1894, there was an increase of £449,000 in the amount of Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland.
- 6th. That in June, 1895, there was a decrease of £176,000 in the amount of Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, as compared with the amount in December, 1894, which was £625,000 over that for June, 1894.
- 7th. That in June, 1895, there was an increase of £241,000 in the amount of Bank Note circulation, as compared with the corresponding period of 1894.
- 8th. That there was a diminution of Bank Note circulation to the amount of £253,000 in June, 1895, as compared with December of the previous year.

5. *Railway Statistics.*

Table VII. gives the receipts of Irish Railways, week by week, for the first half of the year 1895, compared with those for 1894.

A review of the weekly traffic returns shows that in ten of the twenty-six weeks the receipts fell below the amounts for the corresponding weeks of the year 1894, and in all the other weeks the receipts exceeded those

in the corresponding weeks of that year, the net result being that the total receipts for the twenty-six weeks are in excess of those for the first half of any previous year, and show an increase of £25,441, or 1·6 per cent., as compared with the first six months of last year, the receipts for which period were £43,374 above those for the first half of the year 1893.

Table VIII. gives some of the principal statistics for Irish Railways during the first half of each of the nine years 1887-95, for comparison with the aggregate figures at foot of Table VII. for 1894-95.

TABLE VIII.—Railway Traffic Statistics, Ireland, for the first Twenty-six Weeks of each of the Years 1887-95.

Years.	Length of Lines open.	RECEIPTS FOR FIRST 26 WEEKS.			
		Total.	Increase or Decrease as compared with corresponding period in preceding year.		Average Receipts per Mile.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
	Miles.	£	£	£	£
1887	2,630	1,339,534	45,398	—	509
1888	2,672	1,328,027	—	11,507	497
1889	2,672	1,398,908	70,881	—	524
1890	2,667	1,436,636	37,728	—	539
1891	2,678	1,510,647	74,011	—	564
1892	2,688	1,454,678	—	55,969	541
1893	2,741	1,510,645	55,967	—	551
1894	2,735	1,554,019	43,374	—	558
1895	2,856	1,579,460	25,441	—	553

From information kindly furnished by the Board of Trade, it appears that the Authorized Capital of Irish Railways in 1894 was £43,864,623; of which £30,592,361 was by Shares and Stocks, and £13,272,262 by Loans and Debenture Stock.

The paid-up Stock and Share Capital amounted to £27,563,076, consisting of £16,202,582 Ordinary, £3,193,116 Guaranteed, and £8,167,378 Preferential.

The Capital raised by Loans and Debenture Stock was £11,591,755, viz., £925,228 Loans, and £10,666,527 Debenture Stock; making a total of paid-up and

borrowed Capital amounting to £39,154,831—which is the working capital of the Irish Railway system.

6. *Shipping Returns.*

It appears from the following Table, IX., that the yearly average tonnage of vessels in foreign trade, which were *entered* in the Ports of Ireland during the ten years 1884-93 was 904,825; the highest was 1,040,433 in 1892, and the lowest, 771,574 in 1886; in 1894 the tonnage entered was 1,071,630,* or 82,913 over the tonnage for 1893, 166,805, or 18·4 per cent. above the average for the ten years, 1884-93, and 31,197 above the highest yearly tonnage in that period. The average tonnage of vessels in the coasting trade, entered in the Ports of Ireland during the decade 1884-93, was 5,266,653; the tonnage entered in 1894, was 5,681,481, being an increase of 285,512, as compared with the tonnage for 1893, 414,828, or 7·9 per cent. more than the yearly average for the ten years 1884-93, and 91,432 above the highest tonnage for any of those years, which was 5,590,049 for 1892.

The average tonnage of vessels in the foreign trade *cleared* during the ten years 1884-93 was 347,693; the tonnage cleared* in 1894 was 410,058, or 62,365 over the average, 27,888 over the tonnage for 1893, and 8,786 over the tonnage for 1887, which was the highest for any of the ten years, 1884-93. The average tonnage of vessels in the coasting trade cleared during the ten years 1884-93 was 3,965,006; in 1894 it was 4,387,756, being 422,750, or 10·7 per cent. more than the average for the decade 1884-93, and 93,021 over the tonnage in 1893, which was the highest for any of those ten years.

A Table (X.) showing, for each of the Ports in Ireland, the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared during the year 1894 is given on page 23.

* Some of the vessels only partially discharged or loaded their cargoes.
See Table X.

† See note (*) on page 23.

TABLE IX.—Showing for each of the Years 1884-94, the Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared in the Ports of Ireland; and the Averages for the Ten Years 1884-93.

Years.	Imports.						Exports.					
	Foreign Trade (with Oporto and no others).			Coasting Trade (with Oporto only).			Foreign Trade (with Oporto and no others).			Coasting Trade (with Oporto only).		
	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.	Tonnage.	Imports.	Exports.
1884.	700,000	—	100,000	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	10,000	—
1885.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	—	100,000	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1886.	770,000	—	100,000	1,000,000	—	100,000	800,000	10,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—
1887.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	10,000	—	1,000,000	—	100,000
1888.	800,000	—	100,000	1,000,000	—	100,000	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1889.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1890.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1891.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1892.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1893.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
1894.	800,000	100,000	—	1,000,000	10,000	—	800,000	—	10,000	1,000,000	—	100,000
Average, 1884-93.	790,000	—	—	1,000,000	—	—	800,000	—	—	1,000,000	—	—
1894.	1,000,000	Increase compared with Average, 1884-93.	—	1,000,000	Increase compared with Average, 1884-93.	—	800,000	Increase compared with Average, 1884-93.	—	1,000,000	Increase compared with Average, 1884-93.	—

* Vessels, in foreign trade, leaving the Ports of Ireland, in ballast (when loaded above have been taken as ballast) for any other Port in the United Kingdom, are not entered.

TABLE 2.—Showing the Number and Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared, in the Ports in Ireland, together with the Number and Tonnage of such Vessels that only partially Loaded or Discharged their Cargoes during the Year ended 31st December, 1884.

Ports.	NUMBER AND TONNAGE of VESSELS Entered and Cleared in the several Ports in Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1884.								VESSELS and TONNAGE of VESSELS that ONLY PARTIALLY Loaded or Discharged their Cargoes.			
	ENTERED.				CLEARED.				Vessels (tonnage, (Foreign Trade only).)		Vessels (tonnage, (Foreign Trade only).)	
	Foreign Trade (with Companies) in Ireland.		Coasting Trade (with Companies only).		Foreign Trade (with Companies) in Ireland.		Coasting Trade (with Companies only).					
	No.	Tonn.	No.	Tonn.	No.	Tonn.	No.	Tonn.	No.	Tonn.	No.	Tonn.
Belfast,	440	102,148	9,150	1,980,207	381	87,380	4,043	1,480,004	119	123,880	28	1,380
Cork,	186	104,360	4,800	100,110	80	80,100	1,400	60,000	27	80,000	4	1,000
Baltimore,	17	4,000	300	40,000	1	4,000	100	10,000	1	100	—	—
Trillick,	20	10,000	100	10,000	10	10,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Dublin,	600	110,000	4,000	1,000,000	500	100,000	4,000	1,000,000	100	100,000	1	100
Bristol,	11	1,000	100	10,000	1	100	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Galway,	10	10,000	100	10,000	10	10,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Limerick,	70	70,000	400	400,000	60	60,000	300	300,000	—	—	—	—
Londonderry,	40	40,000	1,000	1,000,000	30	30,000	1,000	1,000,000	1	1,000	—	—
Coblenz,	1	1,000	100	10,000	1	1,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Newry,	10	10,000	1,000	100,000	10	10,000	1,000	100,000	—	—	—	—
Tomball,	10	10,000	100	100,000	1	1,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Sligo,	10	10,000	100	10,000	1	1,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Waterford,	110	110,000	1,000	1,000,000	110	110,000	1,000	1,000,000	—	—	—	—
Wexford,	4	100	100	10,000	1	100	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
Woolwich,	1	1,000	100	10,000	1	1,000	100	10,000	—	—	—	—
TOTAL,	1,400	1,400,000	10,000	1,000,000	1,100	1,100,000	10,000	1,000,000	100	100,000	30	3,000

In conclusion, I have to return my thanks to the Authorities of the various Joint Stock Banks of Ireland, and of the Post Office Savings Bank Department; the Comptroller-General of the National Debt Office; the Governor of the Bank of Ireland; the Chairmen and Directors of the several Railway Companies; the Board of Trade; and the Board of Customs, for the valuable information which they so promptly afforded in connexion with the compilation of these Statistics for your Excellency.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servant,

THOMAS W. GRIMSHAW,

Registrar-General.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,
Dublin, 26th July, 1895.

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TABLE VII.—COMPARATIVE RETURN OF WEEKLY RAILWAY RECEIPTS IN IRELAND FOR FIRST TWENTY-SIX WEEKS OF THE YEARS 1894-95.

No. of Week in 1894-95	Days	RECEIPTS FOR WEEK.						Wharves.		Docks and Harbours.		ANNUAL RECEIPTS OF EACH YEAR ENDING ON YEAR.							
		Total		Increase in 1895 as compared with 1894.		Decrease in 1895 as compared with 1894.		1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.	Total.		Increase in 1895 as compared with 1894.		Decrease in 1895 as compared with 1894.		1894.	1895.
		1894.	1895.	Total.	Per cent.	Total.	Per cent.					1894.	1895.	Total.	Per cent.	Total.	Per cent.		
		£	£	£		£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£		£	
1 st	Friday	50,122	49,987	—	—	233	0.4	3,738	3,840	18 9	17 6	80,122	48,937	—	—	316	0.3		
2 nd	"	46,380	47,971	1,591	3.4	—	—	"	3,834	18 9	18 6	81,308	51,798	1,490	1.8	—	—		
3 rd	"	46,482	47,971	—	—	1,490	3.2	"	"	17 9	18 6	146,180	148,773	—	—	40	0.0		
4 th	"	61,832	52,763	9,069	14.7	—	—	"	"	18 9	18 6	187,692	168,593	19,099	10.2	—	—		
5 th	February 1 st	61,832	52,763	1,907	3.1	—	—	"	"	18 7	18 7	245,620	261,779	16,159	6.6	—	—		
6 th	"	60,838	47,493	—	—	13,345	21.9	"	"	18 9	18 6	300,423	296,881	—	—	3,542	0.8		
7 th	"	46,336	44,419	—	—	1,917	4.1	"	"	17 9	18 6	300,581	244,378	—	—	5,203	1.6		
8 th	"	56,778	50,121	—	—	6,657	11.7	"	"	18 9	17 6	405,197	384,037	—	—	21,160	5.2		
9 th	March 1 st	55,218	57,488	2,270	4.1	—	—	"	"	18 9	18 6	468,523	488,258	—	—	1,735	0.4		
10 th	"	55,836	50,070	—	—	5,766	10.3	"	"	20 0	18 9	514,156	507,284	—	—	6,872	1.3		
11 th	"	56,742	57,268	526	0.9	—	—	"	"	20 0	20 1	561,581	584,538	—	—	2,957	0.5		
12 th	"	56,839	50,373	6,466	11.4	—	—	"	"	20 0	20 7	596,120	594,138	—	—	1,982	0.3		
13 th	"	56,287	50,051	—	—	6,236	11.1	"	"	20 0	20 7	561,746	584,170	—	—	2,424	0.4		
14 th	April 1 st	46,742	54,158	—	—	7,416	15.9	"	"	22 8	22 6	736,510	745,295	—	—	8,785	1.2		
15 th	"	55,855	57,007	—	—	1,152	2.1	"	"	20 1	20 0	816,121	806,108	—	—	10,013	1.2		
16 th	"	55,192	70,748	15,556	28.2	—	—	"	"	20 0	20 8	879,546	872,090	—	—	7,456	0.8		
17 th	"	54,218	55,324	1,106	2.0	—	—	"	"	20 0	20 4	845,551	841,776	—	—	3,775	0.4		
18 th	May 1 st	56,347	60,593	4,246	7.5	—	—	"	"	20 0	20 3	1,208,606	1,208,718	—	—	112	0.0		
19 th	"	56,879	61,564	4,685	8.2	—	—	"	"	20 7	20 4	1,271,137	1,293,618	22,481	1.8	—	—		
20 th	"	54,419	55,874	1,455	2.7	—	—	"	"	20 1	20 0	1,258,397	1,144,813	113,584	9.1	—	—		
21 st	"	55,300	55,101	199	0.4	—	—	"	"	20 4	20 0	1,204,888	1,203,612	1,276	0.1	—	—		
22 nd	"	60,837	73,781	12,944	21.3	—	—	"	"	20 1	20 6	1,273,888	1,288,386	14,498	1.1	—	—		
23 rd	June 1 st	66,660	74,455	7,795	11.7	—	—	"	"	20 9	20 0	1,258,975	1,290,818	31,843	2.5	—	—		
24 th	"	67,004	70,176	3,172	4.7	—	—	"	"	20 4	20 4	1,400,577	1,400,775	200	0.0	—	—		
25 th	"	70,336	73,689	3,353	4.8	—	—	"	"	20 4	20 4	1,479,613	1,503,611	24,000	1.6	—	—		
26 th	"	77,758	76,046	—	—	1,712	2.2	"	"	20 9	20 8	1,504,020	1,507,680	3,660	0.2	—	—		

* Owing to the closing of Accounts at the end of the Calendar half-year, the amounts returned for the 1st, 2nd, and 26th weeks, respectively, by some of the Railways, do not in all cases represent the complete for each day.

† Easter Week. ‡ Week Week.